

House Resolution 15 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY GAINES

1 A Resolution congratulating the Grand View University
2 Vikings wrestling team on winning the National
3 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Wrestling
4 National Championship for the sixth consecutive
5 year.

6 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2017, the Grand View Vikings
7 wrestling team won the National Association of
8 Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Wrestling National
9 Championship for the sixth consecutive year, becoming
10 the first team in NAIA wrestling history to win six
11 consecutive national titles; and

12 WHEREAS, the Vikings are only the fourth program
13 in collegiate wrestling history to win six or more
14 consecutive national titles; and

15 WHEREAS, the Vikings finished with a total score
16 of 234.5 team points, setting an all-time NAIA team
17 scoring record and breaking the previous record of 210
18 team points set by the Vikings last year, a full 160
19 points ahead of the second place team; and

20 WHEREAS, five Viking wrestlers were crowned national
21 champions in 10 possible weight classes, including
22 Jacob Colon at 133 pounds, Josh Wenger at 141 pounds,
23 Grant Henderson at 165 pounds, Lawton Benna at 174
24 pounds, and Evan Hansen at 197 pounds; and

25 WHEREAS, all 12 of the Vikings' qualifiers earned
26 All-American status and finished in fifth place or
27 better on the podium; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Nick Mitchell was named NAIA National

1 Coach of the Year in 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016, in
2 addition to being named Regional Coach of the Year five
3 times; NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
5 That the House of Representatives congratulates
6 Coach Mitchell and all the members of the Grand View
7 University Vikings wrestling team on winning the
8 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
9 Wrestling National Championship for the sixth
10 consecutive year.